

SB 910 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Linthicum

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Minority Report

Action Date: 03/28/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.) Minority

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact, statement issued (Indeterminate Impact)

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that on-street and off-street parking pay stations that accept either coins or currency as one method of payment are exempt from the requirement of accepting U.S. coins and currency. Provides that on-street and off-street parking pay stations that do not accept coins or currency, are exempt from the requirement of accepting U.S. coins and currency, so long as another pay station, within 300 feet, does accept coins or currency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Senate Bill 1565 (2022) which focused on expanding equity in payment by requiring cash options
- Exemptions
- Operational shifts from in person to auto pay stations
- Importance of allowing cities to adopt payment methods that are more efficient while still being accessible
- Removing the use of coins reduced costs
- Understanding that some people do not have cell phone access
- 97 percent of purchases at the Portland airport are credit-card based
- Language "readily available" should be clear and well defined

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the language "readily available to patrons" with "available within 300 feet of a pay station that does not accept coins or currency."

BACKGROUND:

Statute requires public accommodations offering goods or services to accept United States coins and currency from patrons, unless the accommodation qualifies for an exception. Parking pay stations are currently allowed to not accept currency, so long as they accept coins.

Senate Bill 910 MRA allows parking pay stations to accept coins or currency or would allow parking pay stations to not accept coins or currency, as long as there is readily available access to another pay station that accepts coins or currency within 300 feet.